

State of North Carolina



MICHAEL F. EASLEY
GOVERNOR

FOSTER CARE MONTH

2008

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, according to the North Carolina Division of Social Services, there are approximately 10,811 children of all ages in the North Carolina foster care system right now; and

WHEREAS, it is the goal of the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services to provide these children with safe, stable, and nurturing family environments; and

WHEREAS, everyday, citizens choose to become foster parents and open their homes, hearts, and lives to these children; and

WHEREAS, according to the North Carolina Division of Social Services, there were 1,631 children adopted from foster care last year; and

WHEREAS, foster parents frequently adopt their foster children, which results in a continual need for more foster families; and

WHEREAS, numerous individuals, communities, and public and private organizations are committed to efforts to ensure children's safety, well-being, and permanence;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MICHAEL F. EASLEY, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim May 2008, as "**FOSTER CARE MONTH**" in North Carolina. I commend this observance to our citizens as an opportunity to celebrate the contributions of foster parents and child welfare professionals and to urge all citizens to volunteer their time, energy, and talents on behalf of children in foster care. I further encourage the community, businesses, faith-based organizations, and families to participate in efforts to recruit and support foster families in North Carolina.



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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of North Carolina at the Capitol in Raleigh this twenty-ninth day of April in the year of our Lord two thousand and eight, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and thirty-second.